MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether it was due to any particular qualification of the present president in municipal administration that he was appointed as president?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): As the financial arrangements of the municipality were found to be defective, Government thought that an Account Officer would be better fitted to effect some reforms in that direction. It was with that object that the present President was appointed at that time.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): My question is whether it was due to any particular qualification of the present individual in municipal administration that he was appointed.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): He knew account matters. It was then considered by Government that an Account Officer would be best fitted to deal with the irregularities and defects in maintaining accounts in the municipality and also in the matter of checking of receipts and expenditure.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Is that so?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether the knowledge in account matters alone will go to make up an expert in municipal administration?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That may also form part of the qualifications of an officer to be an expert.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether it was not the practice formerly to appoint an officer from the Revenue Department as the President of the Trivandrum Municipality?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): There were some presidents who were appointed from the Revenue Department.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether it was not invariably the practice of the Government to appoint persons from the Revenue Department as Presidents of the Trivandrum Municipality?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That was the case in former years.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Then, may I know why the Government departed from that practice?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That is exactly what I have already stated.

Complaints against the Tahsildar, Minachil taluk.

366. MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they have received any complaint against Mr. N. S. Raman Pillai, Tahsildar, Minachil taluk, or against his staff or against both;

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(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the number of such complaints, their nature and their dates;

(*c*) whether Mr. S. C. H. Robinson has, in his capacity as the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner, received any complaints against Mr. N. S. Raman Pillai or against his staff or against both; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, the number of such complaints, their nature and their dates?

(2) Will they be pleased to state whether they or Mr. S. C. H. Robinson received any complaint or complaints from one Arakal Thomman Ouseph and others of Minachil against Mr. N. S. Raman Pillai, Tahsildar of the Minachil taluk?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) Seven.

(i) Petition dated the 5th Mithunam 1103 from Arakkal Thomman Ouseph of Lalom and others of Minachil complaining about the conduct of Mr. N. S. Raman Pillai, Tahsildar, Minachil, and one of his clerks K. P. Narayana Pillai and praying for their transfer from Minachil.

(ii) Petition dated the 9th March 1929 from Mr. A. C. Kuriakose, Member, Legislative Council, complaining against the action of Tahsildar Mr. N. S. Raman Pillai in cutting down trees from *poramboke* lands and disposing of them at nominal prices.

(iii) Petition dated the 14th March 1929 from Mr. A. C. Kuriakose, Member, Legislative Council, on the same subject.

(iv) Two petitions dated the 15th May 1929 from Mr. A. C. Kuriakose, Member, Legislative Council, requesting the immediate transfer of Tahsildar Mr. N. S. Raman Pillai and Clerk, K. P. Narayana Pillai from Minachil and urging the necessity for a thorough enquiry into the complaints against them by some impartial gentlemen preferably non-Christian and non-Nayar.

(v) Two petitions dated the 15th May 1929 from Mr. A. C. Kuriakose, Member, Legislative Council, forwarding copy of "The Kottayam Patrika" dated the 22nd Medom 1104 containing certain articles regarding the vagaries in the Revenue Department.

(*c*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*d*) (i) Petition against the conduct of Mr. N. S. Raman Pillai and Clerk, K. P. Narayana Pillai, received on the 4th July 1928 from one Arakal Thommman and others of Minachil.

(ii) Petition received on the 4th November 1928 from Arakal Thomman Ouseph of Lalom, complaining about the above subordinates.

(iii) Petition dated the 27th Kanni 1104 from Kelan Ittan and others complaining about Clerk, K. P. Narayana Pillai of Minachil taluk.

(iv) Petition dated the 5th January 1929 from one P. K. Gopalan Nayar stating that the Tahsildar and Clerk, K. P. Narayana Pillai of Minachil taluk are destroying certain *puduval* and *poramboke* records.

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[Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

(v) Petition dated the 29th Dhanu 1104 from Arakal Thomman Ouseph complaining about Mr. N. S. Raman Pillai and Clerk, K. P. Narayana Pillai and stating that trees to the value of Rs. 10,000 have been removed from *poramboke* lands, etc.

(vi) Petition dated the 13th Makaram 1104 from Thomman Ouseph of Minachil complaining about the Tahsildar and Clerk, K. P. Narayana Pillai of Minachil taluk.

(vii) Petition dated the 6th Medom 1104 from Thomman Ouseph stating that the Tahsildar has taken a case against him for having cut trees from Government lands, etc.

(2) The member is referred to the answers to parts (1) (*b*) and (*d*).

Headmaster, English High School, Adur.

367. **MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the year, month and date in which the present (22-5-05) Headmaster of the Adur English High School was transferred to that place;

(*b*) whether there was any complaint against him from the public at Adur; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken upon it?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 7th Edavam 1098.

(*b*) and (*c*) Two complaints were received by Government against the present Headmaster of the English High School, Adur. The first was in Minam 1101 when a representation stating that the Headmaster's management of the School was unsatisfactory and that his relations with the Assistant teachers were not amicable was received by Government. The Director of Public Instruction conducted an enquiry in the matter and on his report that the allegations were vague and indefinite, the representation was recorded. The second was in July 1929 when one R. Kochu Kunju Kurup of Adur complained that his boy who was a student in the school was suspended by the Headmaster for no valid reason, and that he, on approaching the Headmaster to explain the circumstances, was insolently treated. He prayed that his boy may be given transfer certificate to the Mavelikara English High School. This case was also enquired into by the Director who ordered the boy being given his transfer certificate and placed on record his disapproval of the attitude of the Headmaster to the petitioner, the boy's father.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Was not the first complaint from the public of Adur?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. A resolution passed at the public meeting was forwarded to Government.

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